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Our new Suit stock—new Children's Clothing—new Hats—new Shoes—and new Furnishings for men and boys is the most complete and best selected ever seen in Washington. All NEW articles of this season's make. Strictly reliable qualities and marked exceedingly low.

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The Times
LUNA FIDE CIRCULATION.

The circulation of The Times for the week ended March 26, 1897, was as follows:

Saturday, March 20	40,364
Sunday, March 21	24,100
Monday, March 22	38,410
Tuesday, March 23	38,320
Wednesday, March 24	38,922
Thursday, March 25	38,210
Friday, March 26	38,232
Total	256,668

Average daily circulation (Sunday, 24,100, excepted) 38,428. I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of circulation for the week ended March 26, 1897. **WILLIAM P. LEECH**, Manager of Circulation.

Advertisers are cordially invited to satisfy themselves as to the correctness of the above figures through an examination of our circulation books, blank paper record, and circulation cash book.

City Brevities.

It is said that there will be a considerable increase of work at the navy yard very soon.

The Public Church Electric Railroad will run on more cars to accommodate summer travel.

The Junior Redcross will give a full dress reception at Mrs. Dyer's Academy, No. 1507 R street, Friday, April 9.

The resignation of Private W. W. Yeaman, of the fire department, tendered March 1, was accepted yesterday.

A dangerous hole in the sidewalk in front of No. 1500 North Capitol street northwest is a menace to the residents of that locality.

Henry Chubb, Deputy Sheriff, the oath of office, as Commissioner of Penitentiaries, yesterday afternoon, vice Donahue's Murphy.

Harry Damm, of No. 475 New York avenue northwest, reports the larceny of a Crenshaw bicycle yesterday evening from Convention Hall.

The Commissioners have approved an allotment of \$30,000 from appropriation for assessment and permit work for use in the current year.

The last will of Moses M. Kane, bearing date of the 20th day of February, 1897, in which all of his property, including a life insurance policy, was given to the widow.

Philip A. Darroville, for the use of Charles T. Sperry, has been certified to the equity court, a judgment in his favor, against the First Baptist Church, located on Sixth street southwest, the amount involved being \$63.71, with interest.

S. E. Carpenter, superintendent of construction at the new No. 12 engine house, was yesterday transferred to be superintendent of construction of the Western High School, and W. H. B. Stout was appointed to succeed Carpenter at the engine house.

Additional permits on the police force were appointed yesterday as follows: William Sedgwick, for duty at the Western Market; James Lee, at the tracks of the Washington Jockey Club; Henry C. Johnson, between Nineteenth, Twentieth, P and R streets northwest.

Walter S. McFarlan has brought suit in the equity court against the Ivy City Brick Company, the Washington Loan and Trust Company and others, for obstructed right of way, which is now alleged to be restricted by a fence maintained by the company.

Pleasant Weather for Tourists. Tourists going to Europe may not have uniformly pleasant voyages this month, according to the forecast issued yesterday by the Naval Hydrographic Office for the North Atlantic for April.

Case of 24 pints only \$1

Throw Away That Medicine

—you bought at the best drug store. The best spring tonic in the world—and one that will not injure your system is the

Washington Brewery Co.'s

BOCK BEER

It's healthful, strengthening and nourishing for both young and old. If you are all "run down" it will give you a new lease on life. Physicians recommend it.

Case of 24 pints delivered in any address for \$1 in unaltered wagon. Write or telephone. **Washington Brewery Co.**, 4th and F Sts. N. E. Phone 1293.

A PLEA FOR SEINE FISHING

A. L. Grimes Wants Permission for Himself and Others.

THEIR LIVING DEPENDS ON IT

Only Catch Herring, He Says, and Put Back All Game Fish into the River—Declares that the Sportsmen Are Responsible for the Decrease of Game Fish.

Mr. A. L. Grimes, who said he represented the poorest class of people in the community, appeared yesterday before the Commissioners with an appeal in behalf of himself and the men in his employ, for permission to continue seine fishing in the waters of the upper Potomac.

Mr. Grimes made a lengthy statement before the board, the import of which was that the law against seine hauling is not valid, for the reason that it has not received the sanction of the State of Virginia, and is therefore in violation of the compact of 1795, which guaranteed to citizens of that State the right to build wharves and fish from the shores of the river. That compact, he said, ceded to Virginia owners all of the land to low water mark, and the law of 1877 conceded that they should enjoy all of the rights and privileges guaranteed by that compact.

An additional statement made was that when the original law against fishing with nets was before Congress he and others were about to defeat its adoption when Fish Commissioner McDonald and the then health officer, Dr. Townsend, proposed that if he would withdraw his objections he should never be disturbed in his operations, so long as there was no public demand for an abatement, and under that agreement he had continued unmolested to fish with a seine in the waters above the Aqueduct bridge. The same agreement was made when it was proposed to extend the West another ten years.

"Lately," said Mr. Grimes, "there has been a change, like a mushroom in the night, and I understand some of its members are high up in police circles. By their direct action, officers have been detailed to run me down. I have six men in my employ, two of whom have families of seven children each, and I know that they will not know where to get a mouthful of anything to eat if their occupation is taken from them."

Mr. Grimes further contended that there had been no perceptible advantage under the law to the propagation of fish. He fished only for herring. "The food fish for the masses." His seines were but eighteen feet long, and they were placed in water from 55 to 125 feet in depth. He caught no haws, very few shad, and very few perch. It is not his desire, he said, to catch game fish, and he always returned such to the water. Sometimes he takes a few shad.

"You keep all you get?" inquired Commissioner Ross. "No, sir, I should be foolish to bring such fish to market when there is a special law, imposing a fine of \$5 to \$20 for catching them."

The petitioner claimed that the anglers themselves were responsible for the destruction of the perch and other choice fish.

The Commissioners informed him that what he should do for relief is to have the law modified, but promised that if he would submit his complaint in writing they would see what could be done.

A. D. OF B. SOCIAL.

Members of Golden Rod Council Entertain Their Friends.

Golden Rod Council, No. 4, gave an enjoyable social last Monday evening at their hall.

Among the attractive features of the evening's entertainment was the excellent singing of the Misses Lizzie Lyons, Mary Seages, May Collier and H. Bowers. Piano solos by Miss Amy Prosperi and Mrs. Nellie Purcell were greatly enjoyed, and bango and guitar solos by Prof. Ayer and Murray were received with enthusiastic applause. A fancy dance by little Ida Hayes was heartily applauded.

National Geographic Society.

The meeting of the National Geographic Society this evening will be at the Cosmos Club. Mr. H. M. Wilson, of the Geological Survey, and Mr. Isaac Winthrop, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, will discuss the methods and instruments used in spirit leveling in field surveying.

The illustrated afternoon lecture Monday next will be given by Rev. Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith in Columbia Theater, and the Friday evening lecture next week will be on the "Effects of geographical environment on animal life," by Dr. C. Hart Merriam. The latter will give a number of lantern illustrations showing the remarkable adaptations of animals to their surroundings in color, shape and even in structure.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday as follows: Orlin H. Hill and Leona Locke. O. H. Slack and Martha Johnson, both of Occoquan, Va. Thornton Nelson and Mary Julia Conway.

George R. Howard and Daisy H. Dutrow. James McDaniel and Lucy Stanley. James Thomas Browne and Mary J. Jefferson.

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

No One Can Remain Well, No Chronic Disease Can Be Cured Unless the Stomach Is First Made Strong and Vigorous.

This is plain because every organ in the body depends on the stomach for its nourishment. Nerve, bone, sinew, blood, are made from the food which the stomach converts to our use. How useless to treat disease with this, that and the other remedy, and neglect the most important of all, the stomach. The earliest symptoms of indigestion are sour risings, bad taste in the mouth, gas in stomach, flatulency, belching, palpitation, faintness, headaches, constipation, later comes loss of flesh, consumption, liver and heart troubles, kidney diseases, nervous prostration, all of which are the indirect result of poor nutrition. Any person suffering from indigestion should make it a practice to take after each meal one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, allowing it to dissolve in the mouth and thus mingle with the saliva and enter the stomach in the most natural way. These Tablets are highly recommended by Dr. Johnson because they are composed of the natural digestive acids and fruit essences which assist the stomach in digesting all wholesome food before it has time to ferment and sour.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by druggists, full sized packages at 50 cents. They are also excellent for infants and children. The making of stomach diseases and thousands of testimonials of genuine cure sent free by addressing Stuart Company, Marshall, Mich.

Our Souvenir Sale Prices continue till tomorrow

Every Friday People Expect to Find Special Shoe Bargains

At our store—on account of this week's unusual rush of trade, we shall have to limit our extraordinary weekly odds and ends sale to-day. In its place we shall offer the following lots of desirable shoes at these special prices, for TODAY ONLY—

100 pairs **INFANTS' AND BLACK BUTTON** with kid soles, worked buttonholes. **TODAY ONLY, 19c.**

120 pairs **LADIES' \$1 KID OXFORD TIES**, pretty round toes, patent uppers. **TODAY ONLY, 75c.**

About 50 pairs **LADIES' \$1 KID OXFORD TIES**, Nice shapes—B. C. D. widths. **TODAY ONLY, 95c.**

75 pairs only **BOYS' SPLENDID TAN SHOES**, Square and round toes. **TODAY ONLY, \$1.20.**

60 pairs **Ladies' \$2.50 Tan Shoes**, Best cut 5-in. square or round toes. **TODAY ONLY, \$1.65.**

About 50 pairs **Ladies' \$3 Hand-Made Shoes**, cloth and kid top, button. **TODAY ONLY, \$1.95.**

WM. HAHN & CO.'S
Reliable Shoe Houses,
930-32 7th St.
1914-16 Pa. Ave. 533 Pa. Ave. S.E.

REDUCED TO THE RANKS.

Action Taken on Account of Charges of Patriotic League.

Captain of the Watch Francis of the Weather Bureau was yesterday reduced to the position of skilled laborer by Secretary of the Agricultural Wilson.

Dr. Williams, the secretary of the United Veterans' Patriotic League, says this action is the result of charges preferred against Francis by the league recently.

The charges, as then stated exclusively in The Times, were that Francis took every occasion to vilify the old soldiers, and that he withheld every time a funeral passed the Weather Bureau to Arlington that all the old soldiers were dead, so that the Government would not have to spend any more money for pensions. Francis denied all the charges to The Times.

BOARD OF TRADE DIRECTORS.

Arrangements Being Made for the Annual Outing.

The directors of the board of trade met yesterday afternoon, at the rooms of the board, to make arrangements for the annual dinner and outing of the organization.

It was decided to give the excursion in the afternoon of May 1. The party will leave the city at 1 p. m., on the Macalester, make a voyage up the Eastern Branch, to the navy yard, inspect the condition of the flats, and thence to Marshall Hall, where the customary dinner will be served.

This annual outing of the board of trade is one of the big things of the spring season, and will be anticipated with great pleasure.

Orders of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners issued a number of orders, and among them these:

That sewers be constructed as follows, from the appropriation for main and pipe sewers, when funds are available for the purpose: Fifty-five feet in east side of Fourteenth street, west of W street; cost, \$1,405.

Fifty-five feet in north side of W street crossing Fourteenth street; cost \$167.

One hundred and fifty-five feet in north side of W street from Fourteenth street westward; cost \$387.

Five hundred and seventy-five feet in south side of W street and crossing W street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets; cost \$2,265.

Four hundred and eighty-five feet in the east side of Fifteenth street and New Hampshire avenue, between V and W streets; cost \$1,405.

Nine hundred and thirty-five feet in north side of V street between New Hampshire avenue and Seventeenth street, crossing V street at New Hampshire avenue; cost \$3,561.

Also that sewer in west side of North Capitol street, between P and M streets, be extended to serve premises at 1140 North Capitol street, under the permit system; cost \$189.

That sewer in Morgan avenue between Lamar place and Lydecker avenue be extended southward fifty feet; estimated cost \$90, chargeable to current appropriation for suburban sewers.

That 660 feet and three manholes be constructed in Providence street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets; cost \$1,293, chargeable to current appropriation for suburban sewers.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

On Sunday next at 3 o'clock there will be a public meeting in Handic Church in the interest of Sabbath observance. Mrs. M. E. Cullen, superintendent of the department, will preside, and among the speakers will be Rev. Dr. Stricklen and Rev. Dr. Clarke.

During the last quarter seven new local unions have been organized, the latest being in Eckington, having organized Tuesday last at the home of Mrs. Hussey.

A new union has also been organized in Metropolitan Baptist Church, R street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northwest, with Mrs. H. A. King as president. No. 2128 Eighth street northwest.

Metropolitan Union, A. M. E., has been re-organized, with Mrs. Chase as president, and bids fair to do excellent work. Headquarters Y. Y. Smith, president, held an interesting meeting Wednesday night, at No. 910 F street. Much business was promptly dispatched. Delegates were elected to the quarterly meeting, and a number of new members reported. Dr. Burritt talked on the work of her department, and the District president followed with a few words of encouragement to the young ladies.

Don't Slip Up

on this special sale—no matter what happens. Come in and see these big values that we are talking about—and when you're in front of 'em you can appreciate that the prices are paltry pittance.

PARLOR TABLES at 39c	BED LOUNGES, \$9.87	CHIFFONNIERS at \$4.32
CHAMBER SETS at \$12.97	MATTRESSES at \$5.36	DINING TABLES, \$3.47
SIDEBOARDS of solid oak, \$7.11	HALL STANDS, \$4.12	DINING CHAIRS, 98c
BABY CARRIAGES, \$3.47	PARLOR SUITES, \$14.97	TEA SETS, decorated, \$2.87
TOILET SETS, decorated, \$2.39	DINNER SETS, decorated, \$8.47	STRAW MATTING, by the roll, 10c
BRASS AND IRON BEDS. Full line.	REFRIGERATORS—the best grades—lowest prices.	INGRAIN REMNANTS for mats, 24c each

"CASH OR CREDIT."

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DEATH OF ADMIRAL RUSSELL.

Served His Country with Gallantry for Many Years.

Rear Admiral John H. Russell, United States Navy, retired, died yesterday afternoon at his residence, No. 1703 R street. The funeral services will be held at St. John's P. E. Church tomorrow. The arrangements had not been completed last night.

The deceased was born at Frederick, Md., July 4, 1827. At the age of fourteen he entered the Navy as a midshipman and participated in the operation incident to the annexation of Texas. He saw service during the war with Mexico and did duty in the blockade of Vera Cruz.

He served honorably in the far East, with distinction by cutting out the privateer Judah at Pensacola in 1861, and in the Far East as captain of the Albatross. His commission as captain bears date 1874 and he became a commodore in 1883. He was promoted to the rank of rear admiral March 4, 1886, and retired upon his own application August 27, 1886, having been in active service forty-five years.

Movements of the Navy.

The Navy Department reports the movements of vessels as follows: Philadelphia arrived at San Diego, March 31; Maine and Texas sailed from Port Royal to Hampton Roads; Marion arrived at Honolulu, March 18; Alert sailed March 22, from Honolulu for San Francisco; Katabin sailed, March 31, from Hampton Roads; April 1, from Charleston for Zamboanga; Boston arrived at Hong Kong, April 1; Petrel, March 31, sailed from Sanaleto for Iloilo; San Francisco, arrived, March 31, at Merline.

The Bathing Beach.

Superintendent Stevens of the bathing beach had an interview with the Commissioners yesterday with respect to the progress upon the bathing beach. It is deemed that it will be impossible to have the improvements completed in time to use the basin this year, the appropriation not being sufficient, and as there is no authority for using the new pool the money appropriated for the old one, the Commissioners will ask Congress to grant a sufficient sum to have it completed for next year and use the old one meanwhile.

A Mass Meeting of Cuba's Friends.

The friends of Cuba are expected to gather in large numbers this evening in a rally meeting at Union Veterans Legion Hall, No. 910 Pennsylvania avenue. Among the speakers will be Senators Mason and Spooner, Congressman Newlands, Bell, and Myer, Hon. Simon Wolf, General Tamm, Col. Hopkins, and Col. Frank Batts.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows: To W. L. Crouse, for construction of a dwelling on the corner of Military and Gates roads, to cost \$9,000. Mrs. M. A. Connell, dwelling at No. 1401 Meridian avenue, Mount Pleasant, \$1,500.

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Good Fancy Matting, 9c
Heavy Fancy Matting, 12c
Heavy Quality Oil Cloth, 25c
A Beautiful Parlor Lamp, brass frame, handsomely decorated globe, \$2.25
Beautiful MORRIS Chair, nicely upholstered cushion, \$5.50
Handsome Rattan Carriage, with adjustable parasol and brake, \$3.25
The best 2-burner Gasoline Stove made, \$2.98
A Beautiful White Enameled Steel Bed, brass truss, \$3.48
7-ft. Enameled-lined Bed, \$5.00
Handsome Large Arm Rocker, 99c
6-pint Enameled-lined Rice Pudding, 55c
Very Handsome 5-piece Tapestry Parlor Suite, \$22.50
6-drawer Office Desk, \$4.25
Hand-wood High-back Wood Seat Chair, 39c
Heavy Oak Extension Table, \$2.98
Beautiful Oak Dining-room Suite, large, magnificent sideboard, 5-hand-cupped seat chairs and handsome oak extension table, \$26.50
Large Oak Bedroom Suite, consisting of 10 pieces, \$22.50
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JOHNSTONS, 729 7th St.

GROCERIES
Wholesale and Retail.
SOAP, 1c

Today we will sell 1,400 cakes of Laundry Soap at 1-2 cents per cake—25 cakes for 15 cents.

Borax Soap, 2c
Star Soap, 2c

We sell all other well-known brands of Soap at bargain prices.

Butterine
in five pound quantities. **12c**

The best Butterine by the pound, 14 cents in 5-pound lots for 60 cents.

Elgin Butter, 28c

Box 3 cakes Toilet Soap, 5c
Baby Brand Condensed Milk, 5c
Tall Cans Condensed Milk, 5c
Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, 5c
Prepared Scotch Herring, 5c
Hobart's Fox Mustard, 5c
Best Oats, per package, 5c
Best Mixed Cakes, per lb., 15c
Table Pickles, per can, 5c
California Canned Fruit, per can, 15c
Large cans of Soup, all kinds, 20c
Worcestershire Sauce, per bottle, 5c
Pint bottles Catsup, each, 5c
5 lbs. Best Mince, 5c
Boxes Coffee Essence, 2 for 5c
12c Macaroni, per package, 7c
12c Scrub Brushes, 5c
Lighting Tapes, each quick, 7c
5 lbs. Kettle-rendered Lard, 20c
5 lbs. Boneless Cod Fish, 20c
Buckets Bucklers, 5c
10s gross, 5c
Large handles Knitting Wood, 35c
Smith's Noodles, 5c per box, 10c

FREE!

5 lbs SUGAR

Today with the purchase of one pound of 50-cent Tea you will be entitled to 5 lbs. best granulated sugar free.

Peaches, 6c

1,200 pounds of California. Expired peaches, as a fruit department bargain, at 6-12 cents.

Best Raisins, 6c

Today we will sell 1,800 pounds of large, plump, imported Raisins at 6 cents per pound—the quality of fruit is worth 12 cents, and our retail price is 10 cents.

Flour, 30c sack

Best Family Flour, by the barrel, \$4.75; by the sack, 30c.

Box Ball Blue, 7c

The large boxes of Ball Blue, containing 100 balls for 7 cents per box—very large boxes, containing 200 balls, 10 cents.

Table Oil, 8c

Our special price on Table Oil and 98 for salad, etc., 8 cents bottle.

Levering's and Arbuckle's Package Coffee, 10 lbs. for \$1.30.

Navy Beans, 2c

Today the best Navy Beans at half price, 2-12 cents—pick of Navy Beans for